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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

The following Amendments and Remarks are submitted for entry into the application filed on October 16, 2001, Application Serial Number 09/978,495. This Preliminary Amendment is submitted prior to the first Office Action on the merits in the above-referenced case. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

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02 FC:1201 168.00 CH**AMENDMENTS***In the Specification***Please replace the paragraph on page 5, lines 3 – 13 with the following paragraph:**

Fig. 1B is a timing diagram illustrating a three-signal group with delay provisioning.

Signal 1 100, signal 2 105, and signal 3 110 are part of a three-signal group with signal 2 105 placed between signal 1 100 and signal 3 110. Whenever signals 100 and 105, or signals 105 and signal 110 switch simultaneously, in this particular example the three signals 100, 105, 110